

Remarks

The Office Action mailed February 9, 2004 has been carefully considered. Independent Claim 40 has been amended to specifically recite that the exit funnel of the dispenser comprises a single outlet. This feature of the invention eliminates the need of the spherical ball 54 (Figure 9) of Decker. As such, Claims 40 and 45 remain in the case with none of the claims being allowed.

The present invention aids in proper and repeatable dispensing of the towel when compared with a conventional, unangled nozzle while, at the same time, eliminates the need for a spherical ball 54 or multiple dispensing ports 50, 51, 52, as described in Decker. Dependent Claim 45 contains the allowable subject matter of independent Claim 40 and thus it is submitted that Claims 40 and 45 are now allowable.

Also, in response to the Examiner's objection, reference number 70 is described on page 8, line 31 of the Application as filed.

Thus, the Applicant submits that by this amendment, he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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